

Expedited Bill No. 47-10
Concerning: Administration – Legislative
Branch – County Council – Economic
Impact Statements
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmember Knapp, Council President Floreen, Council Vice President Ervin, and
Councilmembers Navarro and Berliner

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) require the Executive to submit a statement to the Council describing the economic impact of a bill before Council action; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing the consideration of bills by the Council.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Article IV, Legislative Branch
Section ~~[[2-81A]]~~ 2-81B

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section ~~[[2-81A]] 2-81B~~ is added as follows:**

2 ~~[[2-81A]]~~ **2-81B. Economic Impact Statements.**

3 (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words and phrases have the
4 following meanings:

5 Director means the Director of the ~~[[Office of Management and~~
6 Budget]] Department of Finance.

7 Economic impact means an estimate of the costs and benefits to private
8 organizations and individuals in the County attributable to a change in
9 the law.

10 (b) Economic impact statements. The Director must submit a statement to
11 the Council describing the economic impact, if any, of each bill under
12 consideration by the Council. The Director must submit a separate
13 statement for each bill.

14 (c) Time for submission. An economic impact statement should be
15 submitted to the Council:

16 (1) no later than 7 days before the public hearing on each bill
17 introduced by the Council President at the request of the County
18 Executive; and

19 (2) no more than 21 days after a bill sponsored by a Councilmember
20 is introduced.

21 If the Director is unable to submit the statement within the time required
22 by paragraph (2), the Director must notify the Council President in
23 writing of the delay, the reason for the delay, and the revised delivery
24 date. If the Council President finds that the revised delivery date is
25 unreasonable, the Council President may set a different delivery
26 deadline.

27 (d) Content of economic impact statement. Each economic impact
28 statement must include:

29 (1) the sources of information, assumptions, and methodologies
30 used;

31 (2) a description of any variable that could affect economic impact
32 estimates;

33 (3) the bill's positive or negative effect, if any, on employment,
34 spending, saving, investment, incomes, and property values in the
35 County; and

36 (4) if a bill is likely to have no economic impact, why that is the case.

37 (e) Compliance. Council action on a bill that is otherwise valid is not
38 invalid because of any failure to follow the requirements of this Section.

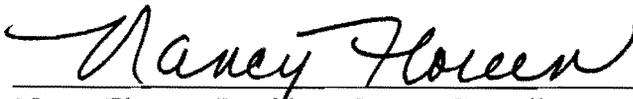
39 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

40 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate
41 protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it
42 becomes law.

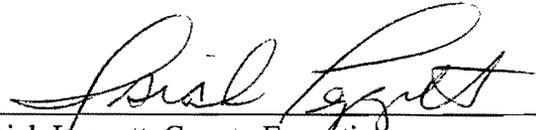
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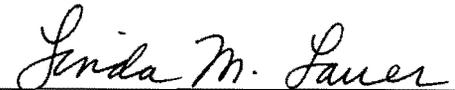
45 *Approved:*

46  10/6/10
Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

47 *Approved:*

48  10/12/10
Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

49 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

50  10/15/10
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date